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***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on November 20, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because it is unclear to what species the applicant considers new claim 20 to belong. Does the applicant consider new claim 20 to only read on the non-elected invention of Group I or does the applicant consider new claim 20 to at least read on the elected embodiment of Group III. See MPEP 809.02(a) and 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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